

SAN GABRIEL DE YUNQUE-OUINGE

Address Restricted, Española

This was the first European settlement established in New Mexico and consequently served as the first Spanish capital. It was founded within an abandoned Tewa pueblo and was occupied by Spanish colonists from 1598 until about 1609. It was from San Gabriel that the Spanish set out to explore the country and to find the mythical gold-rich Quivira, always *poco mas alla* (“a little further on”). In 1610, the Spaniards themselves moved a little farther on, and established their new capital at Santa Fe.